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COMING EVENTS

June 1 Closing meeting of Cerritos P. T. A. at 3:30 p. m.

June 2 Meeting of Tropico School Trustees in Cerritos School.

June 5 Conscription Registration at Precinct Polling Places.

June 7 Annual business meeting of Thursday Club.

June 10 Children's Day at the Presbyterian Church.

June 27 Annual business meeting of U. and I. Club.

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In this issue the Sentinel makes its bow in new and patriotic garb. It is smaller but the reduction has been made in the margins alone. The type page is unchanged. This alteration has been effected in odebience to the injunction of our President to practice economy along all lines. In view of the high cost of living for newspapers of all sorts, many of which have gone to an untimely death, we believe our readers will approve the change, and also approve the effort of the Sentinel to reflect in the red, white and blue of its cover the patriotic sentiments of its patrons.

The Sentinel is fortunate in its opportunity to report at length the views of many thoughtful citizens who have carefully considered the question of a municipal water system for Tropico and who expressed themselves freely and clearly at the Forum held in the City Hall last Monday under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon Club. It commends the report to all seekers of information on the question and hopes they will carefully read and inwardly digest it.

PATRIOTIC MEETING

The following announcement was furnished the Sentinel by a member of the committee named by the city council to arrange for a patriotic meeting Registration Day:

"In conformity with the Governor's proclamation making Registration Day, June 5th, a public holiday, and pursuant to the recommendation of the State Council of Defense, it is desired that all citizens of Tropico unite in making this day a patriotic holiday in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Governor's proclamation.

"There will be a meeting at which an appropriate patriotic program will be given at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the City Hall, which all citizens are requested to attend."

It is probable that methods of encouraging local food production and preservation will also be discussed.

TROPICO POTTERY

Tropico has an infant industry which should attract some attention. Mr. J. Tenuta, an Italian potter in the employ of the Pacific Tile Works is employing his leisure in the manufacture of jardinieres and urns which are fired in a small kiln which has been built in the rear of his residence lot at 513 Grace Court. He makes them in classic shapes, some are glazed and colored, others are unglazed but when fired take on a very beautiful ivory tint.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends in Tropico and Glendale who showed kindness and attention to my dear wife during her last illness, and who have paid respect to her memory, and to those who have rallied to my support in a trying hour and given me their asistance and sympathy, I desire to express my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

EARL V. COLEMAN.

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DEATH OF MARGARET R. COLEMAN

Last Saturday night shortly after the stroke of midnight, Margaret R. Coleman, wife of Earl V. Coleman, closed her eyes in death. Her decline in health as the result of an incurable malady had been evident to her friends for many weeks, but she bravely stood at her post in the City Hall and did not succomb to her disabilities until about two weeks ago. Her death was therefore a shock to many in Tropico who had not known that she was seriously ill.

She was a native of a Southern state and for nine years served as assistant in the office of the United States Attorney at Knoxville, Tenn. There she acquired a knowledge of law, of its forms and procedure which gave her an unusual and most valuable equipment for the office of City Clerk which she has filled so efficiently and acceptably for more than a year in our city, of which she has been a resident for about seven years. A nervous breakdown brought her to the West for a change of climate and while serving as stenographer for the Southern Pacific Railroad at its office in Mojave, she met and married Mr. Coleman. Their union was singularly happy and he has the deep sympathy of the community in his bereavement which is shared by Mrs. J. F. Hood of Hollywood, sister of Mrs. Coleman.

She was a loyal and valued member of the order of the Eastern Star and of the Pythian Sisters, by whom she will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Scovern, Letton, & Frey parlors where a short address was made by Rev. O. P. Rider, and where "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was sung by Mesdames Carmack, Stephenson and Bullis. A delegation of Pythian Sisters served as pall bearers and the beautiful ritualistic service of the Eastern Star was held at the grave in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

The floral tributes with which the casket was banked included some very handsome emblematic pieces, one from the City Trustees bearing the word "Tropico", another from the Eastern Star in the emblem of the order, and a third very handsome tribute from the Pythian Sisters. The death of Margaret Coleman leaves a vacant place in the community which will not soon be filled.

YE GINGER TAVERN

The opening last Monday evening with a public reception of Ye Ginger Tavern which so beautifully adorns the spot where Glendale avenue and Broadway meet, was an event of artistic and social importance. The obvious attractions of the Tavern, and the celebrity of the hostess and owner, Mrs. Bertha Haffner-Ginger, drew hundreds of guests, who came to congratulate and admire and then lingered to enjoy the fairyland scene and the fine music furnished by a three-piece orchestra. Mrs. Ginger was aided by a bevy of assisting hostesses which included: Mrs. Mattison B. Jones of Glendale, Miss Rose Schwabacher of Philadelphia, Mrs. Jack Bedell, wife of the manager of the Hayward Hotel, Mrs. E. U. Lake of Los Angeles, Miss Mabel Haffner and Mrs. R. A. Blackburn of Glendale.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day exercises at Forest Lawn were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon and as usual were preceded by the decoration of the graves of comrades who lie buried there. This beautiful service was performed by the Boy Scouts under the direction of Sons of Veterans. After that national songs were sung in which the audience united, led by Frank Booth, and then the beautiful ritualistic service by the members of the N. P. Banks Post.

Outstanding features of the Memorial Day observance at Forest Lawn were the address by Dwight Stephenson the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Berna Martin, the Commander's Address by T. A. Robinson, Memorial address by T. D. Kanouse.

Memorial exercises were held at the Tropico and Glendal schools Tuesday which were conducted by members of the N. P. Banks Post and Woman's Relief Corps. Comrades J. H. Henry and W. C. Gibbon, assisted by Mrs. Adelaide Imler gave a 45-minute program at Union High. At the Acacia School Mrs. Julia Hayes and Comrade W. D. Lathrop were speakers. At Cerritos school, Major J. J. Weiler, Rev. R. W. Mottern, Comrade J. B. Hickman and Mrs. Moore provided the program. Mrs. W. M. Crawford and Comrade J. H. Henry spoke at the Parkdale avenue school.

Impressive memorial services were held last Sunday afternoon at G. A. R. Hall at which Rev. Don S. Ford delivered a patriotic address, Mrs. A. J. Van Wie contributed a solo, and the audience united in singing America and the Star Spangled Banner. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Chaplain C. R. Norton.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

An interesting session is promised for the June 7th meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Club when reports of officers and standing committees will be received. Hostesses of the day are: Mesdames E. T. Tholen, D. O. Martin, Grace Webster and C. H. Woolsey.

The Sophomore Class of Union High, which numbers about seventy-five students, enjoyed a picnic at Brookside Park Tuesday whither they went in autos and trucks chaperoned by Mesdames C. R. Carmack, E. K. Barnes and John Seaman.

Mr. Charles Grauel of Perlita avenue has started a first class restaurant at San Pedro and invites his friends to pay him a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Crause of La Clede avenue are spending the week end in San Diego.

Mrs. Meacham and Miss Metzgar of San Diego, but formerly of North Dakota, were guests last Thursday of Mrs. O. P. Rider and attended the Presbyterian Missionary Meeting.

There was quite a fire at 1523 Vine street during the wee small hours Monday night. Though the Glendale laddies responded residents got panicky and summoned the Tropico fire wagon, which found its services superfluous. An explosion preceded the fire which was in an untenanted house. At this writing the cause of the conflagration and explosion has not been explained.

Miss Margaret Helen Cole, a teacher in the Los Angeles city schools whose home is in the Chandler Tract, has been summoned by Professor Dow of Columbia University, New Yory City, to assist him in the teaching of art in the summer school. She has been given leave of absence from her Los Angeles school and expects to be in New York for about a year. During her absence her mother, Mrs. M. N. Cole, will reside with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Kerrick, in San Francisco.

The Cerritos P. T. A. will hold its closing meting of the year Friday June 1st. The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Sue Barnwell who will tell of the work of the Y. W. C. A. among foreign girls.

Mr. W. G. Clark of Laurel avenue was taken to the Clara Barton Hospital last Monday evening for a supplementary operation. Two months ago he visited the same hospital and underwent an operation made necessary by an enlarged gland.

A masquerade ball is to be given June 2nd by the Mothers' Club of the Acacia school at K. P. Hall on Brand Boulevard. It will be an invitation affair.

Mr. Irving Oliver has received a letter from his brother-in-law, Dr. John G. Lyttle, who is an interne in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, that he has been made First Lieutenant of the 69th New York Infantry, and expects to go to France as a surgeon within a short time.

Come here and see in what array, in what a sanitary way our meats are gathered for display. 'Twill drive dyspepsia far away, and please you when you have to pay the bill and make you say "Three cheers! Hooray!"

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Mrs. R. K. Stirling of Tropico avenue is very ill of heart trouble.

Mrs. E. Burns of Bridgeport, Ill., who has been the guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kerr of 3512 Atwater avenue, returned to her home this week after a very enjoyable visit of four months. She speaks very highly of the good roads on which she has had many a long auto trip. She thinks this is a beautiful country to live in but says everyone cannot live in California.

Mr. C. L. Peckham has just returned from a business trip to San Francisco.

The 7-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Durkee of 525 North Central avenue was struck by an automobile while on his way to school one morning last week. It was a bad jolt and grave fears of serious injury were experienced by the parents and attending physician, but the lad is now out and playing about naturally, so is probably all right.

Mr. Robert Taylor attended the New Jersey picnic last Saturday.

Tropico should be interested to learn that at the special assembly held at Union High last Friday afternoon, the three students from Tropico who entered as Freshmen last year were numbered among the nine who received honor pins for work of the year which averaged 92 or over. These three were: Irene Ward, Gladys Goddard and Marian Kennedy. Out of a class of 75 seniors, twenty-one received gold honor pins and Miss Phyllis Adams of Tropico was one of the twenty-one.

Mr.Roger Wright of Glendale left Monday for Kansas City, Mo., where he will visit friends and relatives. He will make a number of side-trips enroute and will probobly be absent about a month.

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A MAY SHOWER

Miss Katherine Hobbs was the happy recipient of a pretty "personal shower" from members of the Lucky Thirteen Club, last Saturday. The affair took place a the home of Mrs. Jamie Rae McKelvey, Bellevue avenue, Los Angeles, the hostess being assisted by club members in the serving of a picnic lunch which, under original plans was to have been spread in Echo Park. Guests were entertained out of doors until all was made ready when Katherine was presented with the key to the McKelvey home and bidden to enter. There she found the shower suspended by pink streamers from the chandelier and a thing of beauty, while adjacent was the luncheon table lovely in all its appointments and decorated with a Frenchy floral confection of pink roses and blue corn flowers. This color scheme was also carried out in the favors which were small baskets filled with candy. It is perhaps needless to state that the function was immensely enjoyed by all who participated.

DANCING PARTY

Mesdames John A. Logan and John Seaman were the hostesses at a charming dancing party given at the Logan home Saturday evening for friends of Mary Logan and Eloise Seaman. As the Seaman family will leave for Ohio at the close of the school year, the party was in the nature of a farewell function for Miss Eloise and her sister Jeanette.

The guest list, which numbered about 125, included young people of Tropico, Glendale and Los Angeles, and also parents and friends who enjoyed participation as on-lookers.

The tennis court, which had been enclosed with canvas, decorated with flags and hung with red, white and blue lanterns, made a spacious and beautiful ball room. Music was furnished by the Howdy Band. The hostesses were assisted in receiving by Mesdames William Harvey, Andrew Stephenson, John Hobbs, Ed Newell, D. H. Smith and E. K. Barnes.

Mrs. Guy Center of Arizona is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Atwater.

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THE WATER QUESTION

DISCUSSION AT THE FIRST TROPICO FORUM IS ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE BONDS

The hearing on the question "Shall Tropico vote bonds to acquire a water system?" which was held in the City Hall last Monday evening by the Tropico Forum Committee under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon Club proved enlightening and both gratifying and disappointing because in spite of the efforts of the committee to secure speakers who would present all sides of the question, the preponderance of sentiment was so overwhelmingly in favor of the bonds that the few who were opposed could not be persuaded to talk. Mr. Bullis, who was in the minority, frankly refused to be drawn into the discussion. Mr. Ed Ayers branded as false the statements of some speakers but would not state in what particular they were untrue, nor would he present any arguments to sustain his own position, declaring he was "not prepared" and that the discussion was premature with the election so far away. This naturally led to some resprisals and recriminations in the effort to induce Mr. Ayers to come out into the open and say frankly what valid objections he could bring forward to the proposition to acquire a water plant, but he was not to be either persuaded or driven to put himself fairly on record, and confined his contributions to challenging questions.

Good Audience

It was a good audience which filled the Council Chamber and in which women were well represented though men were in the majority. It was also a deeply interested and responsive audience.

Mrs. Kimberly, as president of the Thursday Afternoon Club was asked to preside and called upon

Mr. Peters

president of the Board of Trustees, and chairman of its Water Committee, to make the first address. He stated that should the city vote the $55000 bonds "to acquire a water plant," it would be optional with the trustees to either purchase the present system or build an independent plant, but that as a matter of fact the purchase of the present system was the only proposition which could be considered because the cost of a new system would be prohibitive on account of the high cost of all materials, which are 100 per cent higher than they were three years ago. Said he: "In buying this system we would buy a plant already installed and ready for service and we would get it at what I consider a reasonable cost. We would do away with competition, something we would always have to contend with if we put in a plant of our own. We would also be spared the expense of removing our fire hydrants which are now installed and ready for service." Mr. Peters then enumerated the properties including 18 inches of water, a pumping plant and site, a reservoir and new site for a reservoir, meters, etc., which he considered would be fairly worth the $55000 asked for the system without taking the pipe lines into consideration at all. He said that even though old and defective, betterments could be made which would keep them in working condition until materials should fall to a figure which would justify replacement. In setting forth the proposition of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company he said: "If you vote $55000 worth of bonds at 5 per cent per annum, the Title Guarantee and Trust Company will accept those bonds in payment for the plant. That amount would call for an annual interest of $2750. Suppose the trustees fixed the annual amount for bond redemptions at $2000, the combined redemptions and interest would amount to $4750 a year. The present Board of Trustees would guarantee that salaries in the Water Department would be less than $3000 a year, but that amount added to the interest and redemptions would make $7750 a year for all expenses in sight. The gross receipts must be between $12000 and $13000 a year and prices will be fixed for a minimum of 1000 cubic feet. As a result there would be somewhere in the neighborhood of $4500 a year to take care of extensions and betterments. We want to get away from this $900 a year we are paying for fire hydrant service for which wet get nothing. The Railroad Commission fixed this rate. We appealed. Our appeal was considered and turned down and we were politely informed the rate placed on fire hydrants was very low by comparison."

Dwight Stephenson

Mr. Dwight Stephenson said: "I do not think there are very many who will deny the feasibility of buying the water system. The only question raised is whether the Title Guarantee and Trust Company has title to the water.

"The water rights of this valley were adjudicated back in 1871 for the first time, in the District Court in a case entitled Chapman against Verdugo. At that time the land was partitioned including the Dreyfus Tract of which the City of Tropico was a part. This was later subdivided and to each acre or ten acres (I forget the exact amount) there was apportioned 2½ shares of water declared to be a part of the land. Subsequent to this partition a corporation was formed called 'Th
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Guarantee and Trust Company valid, but they have a second claim by adverse users for over five years which makes their title good if they had no conveyance. I may also add that the Title Guarantee and Trust Company stands ready and willing if Tropico desires to purchase this water system, to give it not alone a grant deed but a warranty deed which the Title Guarantee and Trust Company will stand back of."

Owen Rhodes

"I think from the concise statements of Mayor Peters and Mr. Stephenson that it would be a good thing to secure this water system for the City of Tropico. The time will come when we will need this water not only for domestic use but for irrigation purposes. Next year when prices will be higher yet and famine and want will perhaps stalk abroad, it will be necessary for us to do a great deal of backyard farming and in that case I think you will agree with me it will be better to deal with the City of Tropico and the officers we have put into office than to deal with some soulless corporation."

Clyde Seal

"What would the system be worth if we annexed to Los Angeles?"

Emil Fram

"The value of this water system, should we annex to Los Angeles, is that we would be assured of a water supply far superior to the supply Los Angeles is getting (Applause) But if we vote the bonds, what benefit will we derive? I would like to know what the Board of Trustees intends to do."

Mr. Peters

"The Board has been figuring on making a rate of 1000 cubic feet for $1.00. There is normally about $13000 gross income from this plant. If we charged $1.00 per month for 720 connections the income would be $720 a month or something over $8000 per year. The other $5000 would have to come from the excess water used by some of the people of Tropico over and above the 1000 cubic feet. Until we know how much of this excess water will be used, we cannot tell exactly what we can do, but we can give you 1000 cubic feet for $1.00."

"The Board of Trustees has been censured for not taking action sooner on the water proposition but I want to tell you now that for several months we have been struggling to destroy an option for the location of a cemetery in Verdugo Canyon. As soon as that matter was settled we passed the resolution and as soon as the law allows we will call the election."

Leigh Bancroft

"I agree with Mr. Peters that Tropico should have a water system. I think he has pretty thoroughly covered the ground and I hope if we do have an election that it will carry."

Mrs. Charles Barker

"I came here to learn and I have learned a lot and am mighty glad I came."

Harry Goodwin

"I followed the statement Mr. Peters made and I heartily concur in what he said. I also followed Mr. Stephenson's statement. I have had occasion to go into the question quite thoroughly and what he said is absolutely true. During the coming water campaign, if we have one, it will probably be said that $55000 is an outrageous price, because the Title Guarantee and Trust Company paid but $27000 for it. The purchase price of property does not necessarily represent its value. Property is being sold all the time under the hammer for much less than its market value. Sacrifices are made in property every day. This property was sold under the foreclosure of a trust deed. Naturally, the parties buying would not bid more than they were forced to. I do not think there is any question that the water system we have here today including water rights and tangible property is worth in excess of that amount of money. We had engineers look into that property value. They put it at a higher figure. The Railroad Commission took into consideration the value of the property as a basis for fixing the present rate."

Dr. William Mabry

"It is true a lot of the pipe is old and more or less rotten but it is equally true that there is very little pipe that will not stand for several years and the majority will stand for a great many years. It is a fact that where pipe is left undisturbed although comparatively weak it will stand and where there isn't a great pressure it will undoubtedly stand until we are in a position to replace it.

"The title to the water has been declared by the Supreme Court, by the Railroad Commission and Lawyers Van Etten and Goodwin have passed upon it. I firmly believe that $55000 is a cheap price for the property alone including the water rights."

Dr. Duncan

"I want to put myself on record in favor of the proposition. It is the thing to do. It has lasted pretty well as a distributing system. We were told 4½ years ago it would blow up and we will hear it again from the same source but it has continued to stand for 5 years and those pipes are still doing good service."

Mrs. Ella Richardson

"Mr. Goodwin said what I would have liked to say. If we are to vote these bonds we need to do some educating of the people as they are liable to be misled. If we would continue these meetings we could so educate the people they would vote intelligently at the bond election."

Mrs. A. L. Bancroft

"I am in favor of the bonds."

Mr. Muhleman

"The idea that strikes me is the question of value. Sometimes it is a good idea to pay too much for a thing if you want to get the right thing. It pays if you see your way to make the thing worth money. Glendale had the same trouble in buying 'nothing but junk' and see what they have done. We cannot make any worse mess than we have now. I know enough about water to know that we ought to have water cheaper and more of it. People are not using enough of it for fear their bills will be too high. If Glendale were to take us in tomorrow, we would have to issue bonds in Tropico to pay for a water system."

Charles Cushing

"I feel very strongly in favor of the election and was in favor of it 4 or 5 years ago."

Mr. Todd

"I certainly am in favor of the water proposition. What we want is good water and more of it. The property owners are paying that excess $900. I can see no way out except to get together and we want the gentlemen who oppose us to come out and meet us in the open and we will try to show them."

Mr. Sam Brown

"I seem to be on the majority side. In the city I came from they

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"We are going t try to pay for this water system some time, and the question is whether we will volunteer to do it or be conscripted. If we wait until we are annexed it will be conscription."

S. E. Brown

"It is my candid opinion that the best thing to do is to buy the system."

Mrs. Wesley Bullis

"I came here not knowing just which side I was on. This is a delightful meeting for the bonds but I feel the other side is not properly represented. I wish we might have our next forum with those of both sides."

Dr. Mabry suggested that the next forum be for the other side alone.

Appreciation

On motion of Mr. Goodwin a rousing vote of thanks was given the ladies of the Thursday Afternoon Club for creating the opportunity to discuss the matter.

The meeting then adjourned though the audience collected in knots and still continued discussion for several minutes before separating.

THE SOCIETY VAUDEVILLE

A beautiful pageant is to be given at the Palace Grand Theatre Tuesday evening, June 12th in which Tropico will have more than a passing interest. It is the annual Society Vaudeville of the Keller School of Dancing, an institution of which Tropico is very proud and with good reason. Fifty child pupils of the school will take part and some of the leading numbers will be furnished by talented Tropico boys and girls. Twenty-four distinct and different dances will be shown, including the National dances of many countries in appropriate costume and stage setting. The old fashioned and modern society dances will be contrasted and there will also be character dances, and musical monologues. No parent or child in Tropico should miss this charming spectacle.

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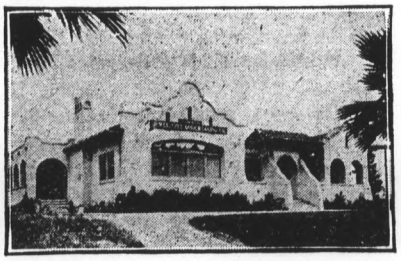

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W. E. IRELAND DIES SUDDENLY

Atwater Tract residents were shocked to learn of the sudden death of W. E. Ireland, formerly the proprietor of the Tract grocery on Brand Boulevard. Mr. Ireland left Tropico a few weeks ago to make his home with his son in Idaho. Heart disease was the cause of death.

HONOR FOR GLENDALE

At the State W. C. T. U. Convention held last wek in Los Angeles, the following officers were elected: President, Stella B. Irvine, Riverside; V. President, Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, Los Angeles; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kate Smart Root, Glendale; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Young, Long Beach; Treasurer, Mrs. May Stewart, Pasadena.

Mrs. Hester Griffith, retiring Vice President, was presented with a crown of "greenbacks" having a golden center, as a mark of esteem from the Convention, and Mrs. Woertendyke, Corresponding Secretary received a beautiful gift. The convention closed Friday night with a Triple Grand Gold Medal Contest.

The excellent attendance at the luncheon and afternoon meeting of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church last Thursday testified to the interest in this important branch of church work. Covers were laid for about thirty guests and after the delicious luncheon had been enjoyed a business session was held. Mrs. S. E. Brown, treasurer, reported a cash balance of $10.60. Mrs. Ashton reported one new member and two in prospect, and two new members in the Light Bearers. Mrs. Merritt Ludden, president, made a brief but interesting report of some of the features of the Presbyterial at Pasadena, making special mention of the work of Helen Smith in connection with the Bible Institute at Nanking, China. Mrs. Ashton gave interesting data in regard to the Forsythe School in Los Angeles.

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PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

City Trustees assembled at the usual hour Tuesday evening. The Board was informed by City Attorney Shaw that it would be necessary, under the provisions of the law for some member to be designated to fill the office of City Clerk made vacant by the death of Mrs. Margaret R. Coleman, until the permanent appointee should be selected. President Peters accordingly named Trustee Alspach who proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, subject to a minor change.

Communications

A letter from the County Council of Defense recommending the holding of patriotic meetings on Registration Day, June 5th, was read, and on motion of Henry, Trustees Peters and Veselich were made a committee of two to arrange for the carrying out of the recommendations.

City Clerkship

Applications by Ernest I. Morgan and Arthur J. Van Wie for appoint ment to fill the office of City Clerk, were read and later in the session came up for consideration when, on motion of Trustee Henry, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Arthur J. Van Wie.

Sign Permit Denied

Under oral communications Marshal Gould submitted a request from the Puente Oil Company for a permit to place a small sign advertising Puente Oil, inside its property line at Tropico avenue and San Fernando Boulevard. After brief discussion which developed the fact that such a sign if placed would violate the provision of the city ordinance relating to signs and bill boards, the permit was denied.

Marshal Gould also asked for a permit to erect on up-and-down board garage in the rear of a lot at 535 West Cypress. On motion of Seal the permit was granted by unanimous vote.

Fire Siren

President Peters, as chairman of the Siren Committee, reported the presence of a representative of the Federal Siren Company who was prepared to negotiate with the Board concerning conditions to govern the purchase of a siren to cost $210.00 f. o. b. Chicago. Later, when the matter came up for disposal, the City Attorney was instructed to draft an order in the form of a letter to be addressed to the Federal Company, which would set forth conditions of trial, installation and purchase which would be satisfactory to the Board.

Library Board Appointments

President Peters also reported that in obedience to the instructions of the Board to make appointments to fill vacancies existing on the Library Board, he had seen fit to appoint Mrs. Ida Bell Ludden and Miss Gertrude Gibbs, subject to the approval of the Board. On motion of Trustee Veselich the appointments made by President Peters were confirmed by unanimous vote.

Public Pound Ordinance

Marshal Gould to whom the draft of the proposed Public Pound Ordinance was referred at the last meeting, asked for and was granted further time to investigate the pound ordinance of Los Angeles County.

Resolution of Respect

The following resolution presented by Trustee Veselich was adopted by unanimous vote:

"WHEREAS it has been the will of the Almighty to remove from our midst our esteemed and honored City Clerk, Margaret Coleman,

AND WHEREAS the members of this Board and the citizens of the City of Tropico deeply regret the loss to this community of a faithful official and loyal citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that members of this Board and in behalf of the citizens of Tropico, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Coleman.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and a copy thereof in the appropriate form be forwarded to the family of the late Margaret R. Coleman.

Garage Approaches

Trustee Henry brought up the matter of wooden approaches to garages which extend into the street and which are being maintained in violation of city ordinances and public safety and Marshal Gould and Street Superintendent Ripley were instructed to look after the matter and enforce the ordinance.

No Pigs on Tropico

Health Officer Mabry reported his disapproval of the application of F. Augustus for a permit to maintain swine at 137 Tropico avenue, because it would violate existing ordinances. The application was denied and Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Augustus of the Board's action and the reason therefor.

The Board then adjourned until Monday, June 4th, the change of day being made because Tuesday, June 5th will be Registration Day and a public holiday.

P. E. O. LUNCHEON

The P. E. O. was entertained at luncheon last Friday at the home of Mrs. John Hobbs, Miss Hattie Myers and Mesdames Carmack and Mabry being assistig hostesses. The program was limited to reports of the recent P. E. O. convention which were read by Mesdames Lynch and Goodwin and which were most interesting.

HONORS FOR MR. WESTON

Last week Wednesday Mrs. Weston and Mrs. John Seaman atended the national exhibition of pictorial photography given by the Los Angeles Camera Club in its rooms in the Lyceum Building. Mr. Gleason, the painter, Mr. Weston and Mr. Anthony Anderson acted as judges, and an account of the exhibit prepared by Mr. Weston will be published by Mr. Weston in the Photographic Era. Mr. Weston has just been advised that his portrait of Dextra Baldwin, which was hung at the Toronto Salon (a national exhibition which is held annually) has been awarded the bronze medal.

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Washington, May 14.—That the United States is face to face with a serious crisis in its commercial affairs, due to the conditions by which its transportation system is confronted, was the opinion expressed by W. M. Acworth, England's leading authority on railways, before the Newlands joint committee on interstate commerce at a special session held here to enable the committee to hear his views before his departure for London this week. Two steps are necessary, according to Mr. Acworth, to avert this crisis and to solve the threatening railroad problem confronting the country.

The first is to allow the railroads to charge freight rates sufficient to meet the great advance in operating expenses which is taking place and to enable them to command the credit necessary to provide the extensions and improvements needed to meet the growing demands of business. The second is to do away with the multiple and conflicting systems of regulation that now hamper railway operation and to provide one centralized regulatory agency with such local subdivisions as may be necessary.

Higher Rates a Public Necessity.

Mr. Acworth's views on the transportation situation in the United States were expressed in answer to questions by members of the committee, who asked him to apply his knowledge of railway conditions throughout the world and of the experience of other countries with government ownership to the present problem before the United States.

"The fundamentaal factor in the situation is very simple," said Mr Acworth. "It lies in the fact that you cannot get three-quarters of a cent's worth of work done for less than three-quarters of a cent, no matter whether the agency performing it is a government or private enterprise. Freight rates must advance when the cost of performing the service advances as it is doing at present, just as the price of bread or meat or any other commodity increases with increased cost of production."

In answer to a question Mr. Acworth said that he thought American freight rates had been at much too low a level for several years past, that they had reached this low point during the period of cutthroat competition among the roads and had since been held there by regulating bodies. Unless relief were afforded to the carriers very promptly, he said, the result would be a tremendous loss to the people of the whole country through insufficiency of transportation facilities.

Weakness of Government Ownership.

On the subject of government ownership of railways Mr. Acworth said:

"It is impossible to obtain satisfactory results on government railways in a democratic state unless the management is cut loose from direct political control. Neither Australia nor any other country with a democratic constitution—perhaps an exception ought to be made of Switzerland—has succeeded in maintaining a permanent severance. In France, in Belgium, in Italy, parliamentary interference never has been abandoned for a moment. The facts show that government interference has meant running the railways not for the benefit of the people at large, but to satisfy local and sectional and even personal interests.

Prussia, Mr Acworth said, was the best example of an efficient government railway system, and he pointed out that military considerations were treated as of paramount importance in the Prussian railway system. While American freight rates had been reduced nearly 40 per cent in thirty years, rates in Prussia were nearly as high as at the beginning of the period. While the charge for moving a ton of freight one mile in the United States was a trifle over three-quarters of a cent, the rate in Prussia was 1.41 cents.

As illustrating the difference in rates between government and private roads Mr. Acworth compared the railways of New South Wales, Australia, with those of Texas. While the amount of traffic to each mile of line was about the same in both cases, he pointed out, the Texas railways performed for the public four times as much service as the government owned roads of New South Wales. The charge in Texas for hauling a ton of freight one mile was less than 1 cent, while in the Australian state it was well over 2 cents.

"American railways lead the world," said Mr. Acworth. "Nowadays when men in any other part of the world want to know how to run a railway they come to the United States and study your railways here. The American railways are entirely the result of private enterprise, and I think they go a long way toward proving the case against government ownership."

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